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Workforce Connection centers offer job help

If you're in need of job training or employment placement services, be sure to check out the Phoenix Workforce Connection's One Stop Career Centers.

The no-cost career centers offer assistance to individuals seeking employment and training, either to retain their current job or obtain a new one, as well as educational and career resources for persons who want to further their education.

Job postings and the use of word processing, résumé and typing software, the Internet, and fax and copy machines also are available.

In addition, the centers provide access to a residential training and employment program for people between the ages of 16 and 24, employment and training services for veterans, and job search assistance to older individuals and people with disabilities.

The staff includes career advisors who can provide information on resources to assist with professional development, answer job search

questions and provide job readiness assessments and assistance with résumé development.

For more information, contact one of the following centers:

Phoenix Workforce Connection North, 9801 N. Seventh St., 602-861-0208; Phoenix Workforce Connection West, 3406 N. 51st Ave., 623-247-3304; Phoenix Workforce Connection South, 4732 S. Central Ave., 602-534-4732; Phoenix Workforce Connection AzOIC, 39 E. Jackson St. 602-254-5082; Phoenix Workforce Connection CPLC, 2916 N. 35th Ave., 602-269-6485; and Phoenix Workforce Connection Friendly House, 802 S. First Ave.

The centers are open 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.



Sky Harbor adds more economy parking

Economy parking at Sky Harbor International Airport is getting easier and better.

The airport this summer opened 1,200 new economy parking spaces on the roof of the Terminal 2 garage.

The new spaces not only give travelers easy access to Terminal 2, but also are only a short, free bus ride to the other terminals.

With the additional economy parking, the airport now has 8,500 uncovered \$5-a-day spaces. The other economy spaces are located in surface lots on the east and west sides of the airport.

Travelers also will find a bargain at the east side economy garage, which offers 2,400 covered spaces at \$7 a day. Parking also is available in all three terminal garages at \$1 per half hour or \$16 a day.

For up-to-the-minute information on the parking situation at the airport, call the parking hotline at 602-273-4545, 602-273-4546 or 602-273-4547. Parking information also is available at phxskyharbor.com.



Surplus goods auction Sept. 18

Surplus materials ranging from furniture to cars will be sold by the city at an auction Saturday, Sept. 18.

Gates to the city auction yard, 2820 S. 22nd Ave., south of Lower Buckeye Road, will open at 6:30 a.m. and the sale will begin at 8 a.m. The cashier will remain open until 1:30 p.m. and the gates will close at 3 p.m.

Inspection of the items that will be auctioned will be allowed at the yard from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16, and Friday, Sept. 17.

For more information, call 602-534-0828.

Transportation plan on November ballot

Maricopa County voters will be asked to vote Nov. 2 on a proposal – Proposition 400 – to continue a one-half cent sales tax for 20 years to finance a wide range of transportation projects in the county.

Among them are freeway, streets, bus and light rail projects in Phoenix.

Revenues from the current tax, which was approved by voters in 1984 and which expires in 2005, were used to pay for a number of major transportation projects,

including much of the existing freeway system.

Among the projects that revenues from the tax continuation would fund are:

- 344 miles of new or improved freeways, including funds for litter removal.
- 34 improved intersections.
- 275 miles of new and improved arterial streets.
- 40 new or enhanced regional bus routes.
- 2,100 new buses.
- 1,200 improved bus stops.
- 27.7 new miles of light rail, including extensions

to west and northeast Phoenix.

- 1,000 new dial-a-ride vehicles.
- 26 new passenger facilities, including new park and ride lots, with some in north Phoenix, Desert Ridge, west Phoenix and South Mountain.
- Extended RAPID bus service to west Phoenix, north Black Canyon, Desert Ridge and South Mountain.

For more information on the Regional Transportation Plan, visit the Maricopa Association of Governments Web site at www.letskeepmoving.com.

Senior volunteers sought

If you're looking for a way to give back to the community, consider volunteering for the Phoenix Senior Companion Program.

Volunteers assist seniors at community and senior centers, medical facilities and senior housing facilities.



Companions must reside in the city, be at least 60 years old, have a limited income and be able to volunteer 15 to 40 hours a week. They receive a non-taxable stipend, meals while on duty, mileage reimbursement, an annual physical, and supplemental auto insurance.

For more information, call 602-256-3353 or visit phoenix.gov/CITZASST/sencomp.html.

Seniors log 143,000 volunteer hours

Seniors who volunteer at the city's senior centers not only help those people who take part in activities at the centers, but they also give the city a financial lift.

This past fiscal year, about 1,000 volunteers logged more than 143,000 hours at the 17 senior centers, equaling about \$750,823 in services.

For more information about the city's senior citizen programs, call 602-262-7379 or visit www.phoenix.gov/CITZASST/srcenter.html.

Airport adds adult changing stations

Meeting the needs of travelers has reached a new level at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport.

In response to suggestions by the public, the airport is installing adult changing stations in family restrooms that will provide people with disabilities and their caretakers a comfortable and private location to change clothing.

The first station is now open in Terminal 2 and a second is being designed for Terminal 3. Others will be installed in Terminal 4 and in the car rental facility being built on the airport grounds.

Health fair needs volunteers

More than 300 volunteers are needed to help with the annual Arizona Coalition for Tomorrow Health Fair 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, at the Phoenix Civic Plaza South Hall, 225 E. Adams St.

They will assist about 1,200 children and their families through the process of receiving dental, hearing and vision exams, physicals, immunizations and TB and blood tests.

Because more than 70 percent of the families are Spanish speaking, bi-lingual volunteers are urgently needed.

Registration deadline is Sept. 24. To sign up, call 602-588-0028 or visit www.acthealthfair.org.

Employment workshop Sept. 23

You can learn about your rights and responsibilities as an employer or an employee at a Fair Employment Workshop to be held 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23, on the first floor of Phoenix City Hall, 200 W. Washington St.

This free workshop will discuss employment discrimination issues and violations.

To register to attend, call 602-262-7486/voice or 602-534-1557/TTY.

Neighborhood guide gets update

The popular Neighborhood Resource Guide has been updated and reprinted by the Neighborhood Services Department in partnership with the Arizona Federal Credit Union.

Originally published in 2001, the 180-page guide describes city government programs and services, tells how to interact with the city by phone, mail, e-mail or in person, and lists facts, phone numbers and information on volunteer opportunities, youth programs, public safety, transportation and more.

A limited number of copies are available for neighborhood associations by calling 602-534-8444 or visiting www.phoenix.gov/NRG.

Young people offer solutions to social issues

Delegates to this year's Youth Town Hall have called for stepped up drug and alcohol abuse enforcement, flexible school schedules for students who must work to help support their families and after-school activities for students of all ages.

The suggestions were among a number of recommendations developed by the nearly 200 students from 46 schools who took part in the annual event.

They also suggested outreach programs for school dropouts and those considering quitting; greater youth involvement in city governance; community outreach programs that focus on alcohol and drug abuse, anti-bullying and tolerance programs; and youth centers with counseling options.

For more information or to obtain a copy of the 2004 Youth Town Hall Report, call 602-495-0314 or visit <http://phoenix.gov/EDUCATN/educcomm.html>

Pull to the right for emergency vehicles



If you ever need emergency assistance, you'll want help to get there as quickly as possible. Here are some tips to follow when you're on the road and encounter a fire truck, police cruiser or ambulance responding to an emergency.

- Don't panic, stay clam, pull to the right and come to a complete stop.
- If you are in the left lane, pull into the right lane as traffic moves over.
- If you cannot move to the right because of another vehicle, just stop.
- Don't pull into the center or left turn lanes.
- When an emergency vehicle approaches you from behind while you are stopped at an intersection, do not move unless you can pull to the right.
- Don't drive through a red light or stop sign when an emergency vehicle approaches from behind.
- Don't play your radio so loudly that you are unable to hear sirens.

Fall concert series features Celtic music

The Irish Cultural Center at Margaret T. Hance Park, 1106 N. Central Ave., will host a fall concert series of music and dance from Ireland, Wales, Scotland and Arizona beginning in September.

The series begins with Andy M. Stewart, a Scottish

singer and songwriter, and Gerry O'Bierne, a contemporary folk musician from Phoenix's sister city Ennis, Ireland, at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23.

On tap later are: the Welsh triple harp and clog dancing group Crasdan, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1; balladeer Alex Beaton, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12; and a sing-along Christmas carol

concert, 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5.

In addition to the entertainment, there will be food and drink, a children's area, raffles and open music sessions for local musicians.

For more information, including ticket prices, call 602-258-0109 or visit www.azirish.com.



How to speed up airport screening



You can make your security check at Sky Harbor International Airport go smoother by following these tips from the federal Transportation Security Administration:

- Check your carry-on baggage for prohibited items such as guns, tools, knives, box cutters, metal scissors with pointed tips, pool cues, fireworks, mace, pepper spray, lighters and matches before leaving your house.
- Put film in your carry-on baggage, not your checked baggage.
- Label your luggage by putting identification tags inside and on all of your baggage, including your laptop computer.
- Don't lock your checked baggage.
- Limit carry-ons to one bag and one personal item such as a purse, laptop computer, small backpack, briefcase or camera case.
- Don't forget your boarding pass and government-issued ID.
- Put metal items such as loose change, keys, mobile phones, pagers and personal data assistants inside your carry-on baggage.
- Remove your laptop computer from its case so that it can be placed in a bin separate from its carrying case for x-ray screening.
- Remove your outer coat so that it can be placed in a bin. Suit jackets and blazers do not have to be removed.
- Remove your footwear before walking through the metal detector.

Talk highlights Latino impact in U.S.

Educator and author Dr. David Sanchez will explore how the surge in the Latino population in the United States might impact the country's politics and economy at the free Faces of Diversity Brown Bag lunch series from noon to 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24, at Phoenix City Council Chambers, 200 W. Jefferson St.

Sanchez's talk, "The History of the Mexican-American Struggle for Civil Rights," is part of a monthly series hosted by the city's Human Relations Commission and the Equal Opportunity Department.

BOPA events set for September, October

Phoenix residents can dispose of household hazardous waste and other items at BOPA collections from 7 a.m. to noon Sept. 16 - 18 at Hayden Park, 420 W. Tamarisk Ave., and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 14 - 16 at Palmcroft Baptist Church, 15825 N. 35th Ave.

In addition to batteries, oil, paint and antifreeze, the event will accept five road tires per resident, computers and household appliances, including refrigerators, stoves, evaporative coolers, air conditioners, washers, dryers and water heaters.

Commercial loads will not be accepted.

The city also will pick up household appliances and computers at your home for a \$10 fee. Call for a collection appointment. For information, call 602-262-7251, send e-mail to pwserve@phoenix.gov or visit phoenix.gov/GARBAGE.

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